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PART III: Information Cited

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The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The examiner's attention is hereby drawn to the attached French Search Report. As shown in the patent family search attached to the search report, U.S. Patent Nos. 6,160,281 and 6,423,994 corresponds to document EP 0 862 218 A, cited in the French Search Report.

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A copy of any document cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
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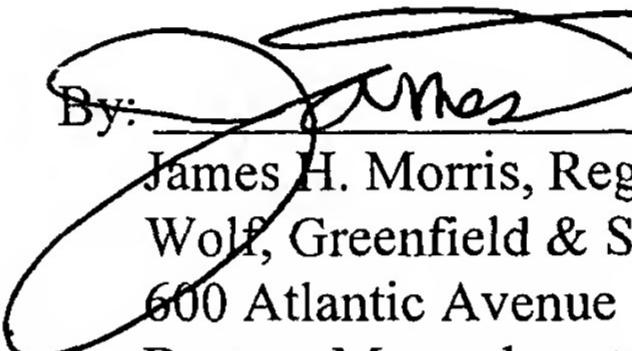
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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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